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Amendments to the Claims

The claims are amended as shown on the following pages under the heading LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS. The list shows the status of all claims presently in the application including any current amendments. This list of claims is intended to supersede all prior versions of the claims in the application. Any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer.

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LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for splash-back proofing adopted for a substrate, comprising:

a rotating device for holding and rotating said substrate;

at least a liquid spray unit mounted on one side of said rotating device for spraying a liquid to said substrate;

a guard means surrounding part of said rotating device for preventing said liquid from scattering to an outer portion of said rotating device; and

a roughening unit overlaying part mounted at an upper periphery of said guard means for preventing said liquid hitting against said guard means from splashing-back.

- 2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said substrate is a silicon wafer, a panel or a glass substrate.
 - 3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said liquid is developer or water.
- 4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said guard means is made of stainless steel.
- 5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said roughening unit is a sponge, a stainless steel web or a roughened surface of a stainless steel web.
- ¹ 6. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said apparatus is well suited applied to a developing apparatus or a scrubber.

7. - 14. (Cancelled)